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Whatcom County home care aide license denied based on criminal charges

OLYMPIA -- State health officials denied the license application of Dan C. Watson (HM.60634460) and immediately suspended his temporary ability to practice as a home care aide while his application was pending.

Watson was charged with four felony sex offenses in Whatcom County Superior Court.

Watson cannot practice in Washington until charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the state's charges and ask for a hearing.

The legal documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link to "[Provider Credential Search](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

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